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SUBJ: VISIT TO US. BY ECUADOREAN INSTITUTE OF HIGHER STUDIES

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1. SUMMARY: THE ECUADOREAN INSTITUTO DE ALTOS ESTUDIOS NACIONALES (IAEN) HAS CONTACTED THE EMBASSY WITH REGARD TO THE ANNUAL OVERSEAS TRIP TAKEN BY THE IAEN AT THE END OF ITS COURSE YEAR. IN CONTRAST TO LAST, THIS YEAR THE IAEN IS SEEKING ASSISTANCE FOR ONLY A FOUR DAY STOP IN NEW YORK. THE EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THE DEPARTMENT'S SUPPORT FOR THE VISIT. END SUMMARY.

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE IAEN IS THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS ACADEMIC INSTITUTION IN ECUADOR. IT IS MORE OR LESS EQUIVALENT TO OUR NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE, AND SENIOR SEMINARS. ITS COMPOSITION INCLUDES, IN ADDITION TO SENIOR GOVERNMENT MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS, PARTICIPANTS FROM ECUADOR'S COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LEADERSHIP. THE IAEN HAS COME TO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN GROOMING A CIVIL/MILITARY ELITE TO PROVIDE A LEADERSHIP CADRE FOR SENIOR GOVERNMENT JOBS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

3. LAST YEAR THE USG SPONSORED A VERY SUCCESSFUL TWO-
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WEEK TRIP TO THE US. FOR PART OF THE 1975 GRADUATING CLASS OF THE

IAEN. THIS YEAR'S CLASS IS TRAVELING PRIMARILY TO EUROPE, BUT THE DIRECTOR OF THE IAEN, GENERAL GUSTAVO BANDERAS ROMAN, HAS REQUESTED USG SUPPORT IN ARRANGING FOR A THREE AND ONE-HALF DAY STAY IN NEW YORK CITY FOR PART OF IT. THE GROUP WOULD STOP IN NEW ON ITS RETURN FROM EUROPE AND WE UNDERSTAND INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION IS ALREADY PROVIDED. OUR SUPPORT WOULD CONSIST OF LODGING, PER DIEM, PROGRAMMING SERVICES, AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION. THE DATES FOR THE PROJECTED VISIT ARE: OCTOBER 21 THRU OCTOBER 24. THE GROUP WILL CONSIST OF 6 IAEN STAFF MEMBERS, INCLUDING GEN. BANDERAS, AND 19 STUDENTS--5 MILITARY OFFICERS OF COLONEL RANK OR EQUIVALENT AND 14 CIVILIANS.

4. WE REALIZE THAT THE DATES FOR THE TRIP, FALLING AS THEY DO LARGELY ON A WEEKEND, ARE NOT OPTIMUM FOR PROGRAMMING, BUT FEEL CONFIDENT THAT A WORTHWHILE PROGRAM CAN BE WORKED OUT. GEN. BANDERAS HAS INDICATED THAT THE GROUP IS INTERESTED IN BOTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY MATTERS AND THAT, IN ADDITION, THE CLASS WOULD LIKE TO PAY ITS RESPECTS TO NYC OFFICIALS.

5. WE BELIEVE THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT ORGANIZATION TO ARRANGE FOR A BUSINESS/DEVELOPMENT ORIENTED PROGRAM FOR THE GROUP ON OCTOBER 22, AND SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH IT. ON OCTOBER 23-24 THE PROGRAM COULD REVOLVE AROUND ORGANIZED SIGHTSEEING TRIPS, INCLUDING BOTH POINTS OF TOURISTIC AND SUBSTANTIVE INTEREST, SUCH AS MILITARY INSTALLATIONS (POSSIBLY WEST POINT). SUCH A PROGRAM COULD FOLLOW THIS SCHEDULE:

OCTOBER 21 ARRIVE NEW YORK (1300) HOURS)
CALL ON CITY OFFICIALS

OCTOBER 22 PROGRAM ARRANGED BY COUNCIL OF AMERICAS

OCTOBER 23 ORGANIZED SIGHTSEEING

OCTOBER 24 CONTINUATION OF SIGHTSEEING PROGRAM
DEPART NEW YORK (1200 HOURS)
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6. IN VIEW OF OUR PAST SPONSORSHIP OF IAEN TRAVEL AND OF ITS COOPERATION IN HOSTING VISITS BY THE US. WAR COLLEGE AND THE ICAF, THE MISSION STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT WE SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S IAEN TRIP. ALTHOUGH WE REALIZE THAT THIS PROGRAM IS NOT THE KIND USUALLY UNDERTAKEN, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE PRESTIGE OF THE GROUP AND THE POLITICAL PROMISE OF THE PARTICIPANTS JUSTIFY THE EFFORT TO ASSIST WITH THE

TRIP AND PRESENT US WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO REAP LARGE
FUTURE BENEFITS FOR A MINIMAL OUTLAY OF FUNDS.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT IN COORDINA-
TION WITH OTHER WASHINGTON AGENCIES, AND PERHAPS WITH
THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS, AGREE TO PROGRAM THE IAEN
VISIT.

8. PLEASE REPLY BY AUGUST 6 IN ORDER THAT IAEN CAN MAKE
PLANS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR EUROPE.
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